



Mass Access: The Accessible Housing Registry

Mass Access: The Accessible Housing registry is a program of MRC's Community Services Program. Our goal is to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain affordable, accessible housing in the most efficient way possible.

Who We Are

Mass Access is a **free** program that matches people with disabilities with vacant, accessible housing. Mass Access, also known as The Accessible Housing Registry, catalogs every accessible or adaptable unit in the state and tracks its availability. Based at Citizens Housing and Planning Association, Mass Access links people with disabilities with owners and managers of accessible housing.

What We Do

Using the latest computer technology, Mass Access updates current vacancy information on our web site on a daily basis. Mass Access catalogs the following information:

- location of housing by city or town
- rent level
- type of housing
- number of bedrooms
- neighborhood features
- particular adaptable or accessible features
- vacancy status

The Mass Access "What's New" page also tracks open Section 8 voucher lists and other new housing opportunities.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why was the Accessible Housing Registry created? Too often managers and providers of adaptable/accessible housing find that their units sit vacant. At the same time, individuals with disabilities experience great difficulty and frustration in locating suitable housing. The registry corrects this problem by matching prospective occupants with available rental housing units. The result is that people with disabilities now have a mechanism to find housing designed to meet their specific needs.

Who can use Mass Access? Any person who has a disability, a family member or advocate can obtain housing information through Mass Access, regardless of age, income or type of disability.

What kind of housing will I find out about? The Mass Access Registry includes information about state or federally assisted housing, public housing and private market-rate housing. The Mass Access database tracks a wide range of accessible and adaptable features.

Can I use Mass Access if I do not require accessible housing? Yes. Mass Access can assist people with physical, sensory, psychiatric or other disabilities to identify housing opportunities.

What if I need a subsidized apartment? Mass Access includes information about subsidized housing across the state as well as private market-rate apartments.

What if I need assistance applying for housing? Local Independent Living Centers (ILCs) can provide housing information. They can also provide assistance regarding the application process, tenant rights, civil rights, home modifications and technical support.

How to Use Mass Access

If you are searching for accessible rental housing, visit the Mass Access web site at www.massaccesshousingregistry.org or call your local Independent Living Center.

For More Information

Contact:

CHAPA: (617) 742-0820 (V/TTY), (617) 742-3953 (FAX)

MRC: (617) 204-3851 (Voice), (617) 204-3815 (TTY), (617) 727-1354 (FAX)

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Or contact one of the ILCs:

Berkshire County	(413) 442-7047	Ad Lib
Boston	(617) 522-9840	Vivienne Thomson
Greater Boston	(617) 338-6665	BCIL
Central Mass.	(508) 798-0350	CLW
Cape Cod & Islands	(508) 775-8300	CORD
South Shore	(508) 880-5325	IA
North Shore/Cape Ann	(978) 741-0077	ILC North Shore/Cape Ann
Northeastern Mass.	(978) 687-4288	NILP
Fall River/New Bedford	(508) 679-9210	SCIL
Hampden/Franklin/ Hampshire Counties	(413) 256-0473	STAVROS
MetroWest	(508) 875-7853	Metrowest CIL

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (*ADA*) prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment and public services provided by government agencies. If consumers or employees of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission believe they have been discriminated against on the basis of disability, they should contact the Commission's Civil Rights Officer: Albert Jones, Jr., 27 Wormwood Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02210-1616, Telephone 617-204-3762 (*Voice*), 1-800-245-6543 (*TTY*).

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